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Port Clinton Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Portage River in the city of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1872.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorized depth is 10 feet in the Federal navigation channel.
- The channel is 5,000 feet long; it is 100 feet wide for the outer 4,200 feet and 200 feet wide for the inner 800 feet.
- The harbor is protected by parallel east and west jetties with a total length of 4,180 feet.
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing interests, commercial ferries and the recreational boating community.

Project Needs

- In order to maintain adequate channel depth for vessels, an estimated 25,000 cubic yards (CY) of maintenance dredging will be required in the lake approach channel and inner harbor.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 10k CY.
- FY10 needs include maintenance dredging, E&D east jetty repair, and repairs to the east and west jetties.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions.
- Failure to repair the east and west jetties will result in the continued degradation and eventual failure of the structures, increased future maintenance costs and unsafe navigation conditions within the harbor .
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Potential functional loss of Critical Harbor of Refuge.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Critical Harbor of Refuge.
- Supports commercial ferry service to Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Islands.
- The City of Port Clinton is proposing a very significant downtown harbor re-development & transient marina construction project.
- Supports 29 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$154,483 in Net Income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Port Clinton Harbor, Ohio Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 President's Budget*
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	490		620		620	
Structure Repair Outer East Jetty (F/P)					400	
Structure Repair West Jetty (F/P)					150	
E&D Inside East Jetty Repair			200		250	
TOTALS	490	0	820	0	1,420	

*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator George Voinovich R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH